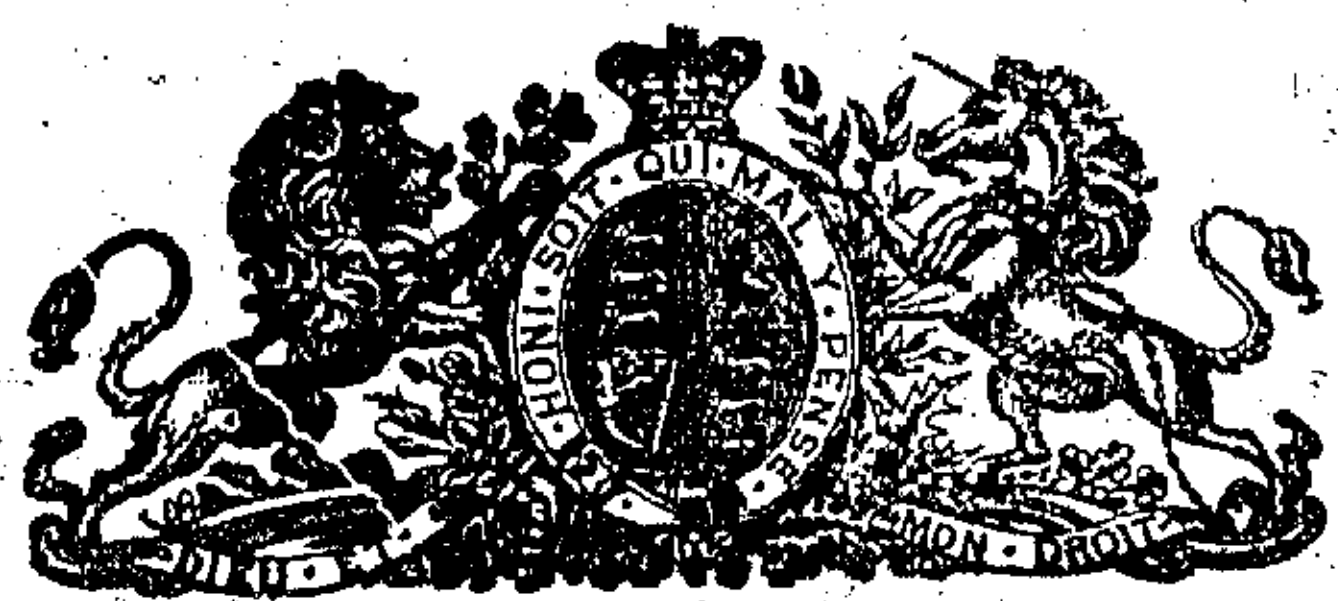


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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bourse, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250.
RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, Threadneedle Street, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

INAUGURAL CONCERT.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL,

Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road, on

THURSDAY,

18th DECEMBER, at 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the Finance of the Institution.

Tickets—Price 5s—may be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del9

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

MISS ELICIA MAY will give a PERFORMANCE for

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

On SATURDAY, 20th Dec., 1879, being her

FAREWELL TO THE EAST,

assisted by THE EMINENT TRAEDIAN MR. B. FAIROLOUGH.

For Particulars, in future Advertisement DUNCAN MACALLUM, Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. BRADLEY SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. del20

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED their Usual ASSORTMENT of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:—
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CABINETS. PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS. VELVET WORK BAGS. WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods. CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS. VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. STATUETTES.

Handsomely Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:—
PICTURE GALLERY of MODERN ART. SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED. WOOLAND ROMANCE. THE BIRD, by JULES MICHELET. THE INSECT, by JULES MICHELET. THE BIRD WORLD. THE EMPIRE OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls. CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties. Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted. SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS. MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety. DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS. PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS. HORSES and CARRIAGES, WHEEL-BARROWS. DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:—
HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL. INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS. BELLES of the SEASON, &c., &c., &c. PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUD- DINGS. FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCA- TELS. Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS. CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Pre- sents. FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES. FRUITS in Noyau. JUJUBES. SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS. BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just Received, Specially for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, A few LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S JAPANESE DRESSING GOWNS. Very Richly Embroidered.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del7

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 16th Dec., at Noon, at his Auction Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,—

20 cases TUMBLERS.

10 cases Rifles.

5 cases each 50 Tins of 1 catty Ma- genta Dyes.

An Invoice of Kerosine Hanging Lamps, in Gilt and Bronze; Hall Lamps, &c., &c.

100 boxes Candles.

3 cases Soda Crystals.

5 cases York Hams, tin-lined Cases.

25 cases one-star Hennessy's Brandy.

Old Tom, LL Whisky, Guinness's Stout, &c.

5 cases Loaf Sugar, small sized Loaves.

Borden's Milk, Sardines in ½ and ¼ tins, Fresh Green Peas, Olives, Pickles, Table Vinegar, Jams, Marmalade, and other Oilman's Stores.

16 pieces Cretone for Furniture, &c.; assorted patterns.

Tweeds, Cloth, Buckskins, Brown Pilot Cloth, White Flannel in several qualities, Scarlet Flannel, Magenta and Self-color Flannel, Blue Serge, &c., &c.

150 pairs Scarlet Blankets.

100 pairs Green Blankets.

300 gross Brass Buttons.

11 coils Russian Hemp Packing.

1 case assorted Stationery and San- dries.

2 cases Union Shirts.

Towels, Undershirts, Socks, &c., &c. And a Variety of other GOODS.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1879. del8

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in- structions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 16th December, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of JAPANESE and CHINESE WARE, comprising:—Dinner, Dessert, and Tea Sets, Porcelain Vases, Jars, Bowls, Plates, Cups, Boxes, and Orna- ments.

Lacquered Ware, Tortoise-shell Ca- binets and Cigar Cases; Brooches, Ear- rings, Swords, Fan-knives, Ivory Car- vings, Bronzes, and Straw Toys.

Silk and Crape Handkerchiefs, Shawls, Scarves, Embroidered Gowns, and Bed Quilts.

&c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 12, 1879. del6

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "MORAY."

M. J. BUTCHER, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY Next, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 9, 1879. del6

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "ARRATON APCAR."

Captain A. B. MAQUAVISH, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th Inst., at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1879. del6

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYD- NEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET" will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. del37

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Captain ASHOTT, will be de- patched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at Day- light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del6

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "ALBANY," Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de- patched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Inst., at Day- light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. del8

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE & LONDON VIA CANAL.

The Steamship "MERIONETHSHIRE," RICKARD, Commander, ex- pected here in about a fort- night, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVA- TION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI The Chartered Steamer "CRUSADER."

T. ROWIN, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 24th Instant, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. del24

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS,"

Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be despatched on or about the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ANTENOR" will be despatched on or about the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "SCINDIA,"

Captain WINDHAM, shortly due, will have quick de- spatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports

To-day's Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.,
 Beg to call attention to the following
 New Supply of STORES, which
 they have Received
 Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"
 And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and
 6-lb. each.
 CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.
 Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.
 Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.
 DRAGAGES, ALMONDS.
 FANCY CHOCOLATES.
 MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.
 NOUGATINES.
 Crystallized METZ FRUITS.
 New Designs in OSAGUES.
 "CHERRY-WAY'S HAT BOX."
 "MARQUEBET'S JEWEL CASKET."
 "GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."
 "EDWIN and ANGELINA."
 &c., &c., &c.

SYMENA FIGS.
 Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.
 JORDAN ALMONDS.
 BRAZIL NUTS.
 PECAN NUTS.
 HICKORY NUTS.
 Cooking and Table PRUNES.
 Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.
 Candied PEEL.
 MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
 VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
 CARAWAY SEEDS.
 SCHWITZER'S COCOATINA.
 American OREAM CHEESE.
 SAP SAGE CHEESE.
 LIMBURG CHEESE.
 FINE APPLE CHEESE.
 HAM TONGUE and CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
 WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and
 TAVELLED SAUSAGES.
 GAME PIES.
 Potted MEATS.
 Prime Yorkshire HAMS.
 Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Cans.
 Pickled OX-TONGUES.
 OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
 TRUFFLES.
 CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.
 CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
 CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER
 CAKES.
 MILK BISCUITS.
 ALPHABET BISCUITS.
 OYSTER BISCUITS.
 WAFER BISCUITS.
 SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES,
 Pils and Quarts.
 HOOK.
 SAUTERNES.
 CLARET.
 Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.
 Sauternes's Pale Dry SHERRY.
 Do. Amontillado SHERRY.
 LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE,
 Pils and Quarts.
 MARASCHINO DE ZARA.
 CURACAO.
 Fine Old Bourbon WHISKY.
 SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.
 BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and
 SAUNDERS, Pils and Quarts.
 GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J.
 BUCKS, Pils and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.
 Princess CHEROOTS.
 Cavite CHEROOTS.
 Princess CIGARS.
 Cavite CIGARS.
 Araceros CIGARS.
 Vegueros CIGARS.
 Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
 of 100.
 Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.
 Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.
 SCIENTIFIC WORKS.
 WORKS OF REFERENCE.
 SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.
 CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.
 NOVELS.
 ATLASES.
 HISTORIES.
 DICTIONARIES.

OLLIVANDER'S METHOD for Learning
 FRENCH and SPANISH.
 DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GER-
 MAN and FRENCH.

ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS OF FOREIGN
 COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE,
 GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E
 BOOK for 1880.

New Season's PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
 10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
 The Steamship
 "YANGTZE,"
 Captain E. SCHULTZ, will
 be despatched for the above
 Port TO-MORROW, the 16th Inst., at 4 p.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 SIEMSEN & Co.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de16

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).
 The Steamship
 "GORDON CASTLE,"
 Waring, Commander, will
 be despatched for the above
 Port TO-MORROW, the 16th Inst., at
 4 p.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de16

FOR MANILA.
 The Steamship
 "ESMERALDA,"
 Capt. TALBOT, will be de-
 patched for the above Port
 on FRIDAY, the 19th Inst., at Noon.
 No Cargo will be received after 9 a.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de19

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

ENTRIES to the REGATTA will Close
 TO-MORROW, 16th December.
 It is particularly requested that all En-
 tries will be made on that date.

L. B. FRIEND,
 Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de16

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

TICKETS of Admission to the Flagship
 can be obtained from the SECRETARY,
 V. R. C.
 A SUBSCRIPTION LIST is now lying at
 Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and in-
 tending SUBSCRIBERS are requested to Sign
 it.

L. B. FRIEND,
 Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public
 Auction, on

THURSDAY,
 the 18th December, at 2 o'clock p.m.,
 at his Auction Sales Room, Peddar's
 Wharf.

An Invoice of TOYS, comprising—
 Mechanical and Other Toys, in great
 variety.

Flower Pots, Painted Vases on Gilt
 Stands, Inkstands, Ornaments, Albums,
 Plated Ware, and a variety of other
 Articles, suitable for Holiday Gifts.
 &c., &c., &c.

TERMS—Cash on delivery.
 G. R. LAMBERT,
 Auctioneer.
 Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1879. de18

NOTICE.

WE Have authorized Mr. HENRY
 PRINCE TENNANT to Sign the
 Name of our Firm at Foonchow.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de29

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be RESPON-
 SIBLE for any ACCIDENT contracted
 in his Name, unless a written authority,
 duly Signed by him, be produced.

JOHN LAWRENCE,
 2nd Officer, Steamer "Peking."
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
 SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
 POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
 ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
 SAID, NAPLES, AND
 MARSEILLES;
 ALSO,
 BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.
 DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th December,
 1879, at Noon, the Company's
 S. S. OXUS, Commandant RIZEN,
 with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
 and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
 above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
 London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
 cepted in transit through Marseilles for
 the principal places of Europe.
 Shipping Orders will be granted until
 Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
 the 23rd December, 1879. (Parcels are not
 to be sent on board; they must be left
 at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
 quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
 Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de24

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 Dec. 14, Albany, British steamer, 366, F.
 Ashton, Taiwan Dec. 12, Tamsui 10,
 Amoy 12, and Swatow 15. General—
 DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co.

Dec. 14, Pansie, British barque, 693,
 T. K. Cooper, Shanghai Dec. 3, Wheat and
 Rice.—CAPTAIN.

Dec. 14, Albany, British steamer, 366, F.
 Ashton, Taiwan Dec. 12, Tamsui 10,
 Amoy 12, and Swatow 15. General—
 DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co.

Dec. 14, Pansie, British barque, 693,
 T. K. Cooper, Shanghai Dec. 3, Wheat and
 Rice.—CAPTAIN.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 14, Scindia, British steamer, 1423,
 S. Windham, Amoy Dec. 12, Tea and Straw.
 —RUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 14, Bonulus, British steamer, 487,
 W. Watt, Shanghai Dec. 10, Rice, Beans,
 and Cotton.—CAPTAIN.

Dec. 14, Hwai Yuen, Chinese steamer,
 Canton.

Dec. 14, Yangtze, British steamer, from
 Canton.

Dec. 14, Kaiser-i-Hind, British steamer,
 2559, Robert Methven, Bombay Nov. 25,
 Galle Dec. 1, Penang 5, and Singapore 8, 9
 a.m., Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 15, Thibet, British steamer, 1671,
 J. H. Torbeck, Shanghai Dec. 12, Malls
 and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 15, Sunda, British steamer, 1029,
 J. Reeves, Yokohama Dec. 8, Malls and
 General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 15, Zamboanga, Spanish steamer,
 651, V. Aranguren, Saigon and Bangkok
 Dec. 8, Rice.—REMEDIOS & Co.

Dec. 16, Hochung, Chinese steamer, 849,
 Peterson, Honolulu Nov. 21, General.—
 C. M. S. N. Co.

Dec. 15, 9 a.m., City of Peking, American
 steamer, 6079, G. G. Berry, San Francisco
 Nov. 15, noon, and Yokohama Dec. 9, 6.40
 a.m., General, Treasure (\$362,666.65) and
 Malls.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Dec. 15, Chamron Kamry, Siamese
 barque, 480, L. Stolze, Manila Dec. 8,
 General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Dec. 15, Iron Duke, H. M. Flag-ship,
 6450, Henry F. Cleveland, Amoy Dec. 12.
 Dec. 16, H. M. S. Egeria, from Amoy.

DEPARTURES.
 Dec. 14, Kiangchow, for Hohow.
 14, Gustav & Marie, for Saigon.
 14, Fantaisie, for Whampoa.
 14, Amoy, for Canton.

14, Esmeralda, for Amoy.
 14, Romulus, for Canton.
 15, Hochung, for Whampoa.
 15, Hae shin, for Hohow, &c.
 15, Anchises, for Amoy and Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.
 Oberon, for New York.
 Yotung, for Swatow.
 Kwangtung, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.
 ARRIVED.

Per Kaiser-i-Hind, from Southampton:
 for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton,
 child and infant, Miss Merton and native
 servant; for Shanghai, Rev. Mr. Shaun, and
 Mrs. Shaun, Mrs. Holliday, Mr. Robertson,
 Mrs. Pugh's two amahs, from Bombay; for
 Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel and infant,
 Mr. J. Nathan.

Per Thibet, from Port Said: for
 Shanghai, Mr. Sommerick, from Brindisi;
 for Shanghai, Mr. Le Marchand, from
 Malta; for Yokohama, Mr. Pirkas, from
 Penang; for Hongkong, Lieut. Thompson
 and 14 Chinese; for Amoy, 12 Chinese.
 From Singapore: for Hongkong, Mr. J.
 Lyon and 14 Chinese.

Per Thibet, from Shanghai: for Hong-
 kong, Mr. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Oyler,
 Mr. D. W. MacClellan, and 13 Chinese; for
 Southampton, 90 seamen & 13 Chinese gun-
 boats.

Per Sunda, from Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs.
 Breat, 2 children and nurse, and 21 Chi-
 nese.

Per Scindia, from Amoy, Capt. Atkins,
 and 103 Chinese for Singapore.

Per City of Peking, from San Francisco,
 &c., Dr. F. M. Gunnell, U.S.N., Mr. C. A.
 Tones, Mrs. L. Daniels, Miss J. Belmont,
 Messrs P. W. Mein and servant, H. Garve
 and wife, H. Spencer, Jr., F. Gardiner, C.
 Caldwell, and 920 Chinese.

Per Albany, from Amoy, &c., 12 Chinese.
 Per Romulus, from Shanghai, 6 Chinese.
 Per Zamboanga, from Saigon, &c., 21
 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
 Per Anchises, for Amoy, Dr. Gunnell.
 Per Kiangchow, for Hohow, 24 Chinese.
 Per Hae-shin, for Halphong, 15 Chinese;
 for Hohow, 45 Chinese; for Pakhoi, 2
 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The P. M. Co.'s S. S. City of Peking,
 (5079 tons), G. G. Berry, Comdr., reports:
 Left San Francisco on Nov. 15th at noon.
 Nov. 23rd, Dr. A. H. Adams, cabin pas-
 senger formerly of Osaka, died of remittent
 fever. Weather throughout generally good.
 Arrived at Yokohama on the 8th at 6.40
 a.m., same date off Vies Island exchanged
 signals with O. & O. S. S. Belgic. Arrived
 at Hongkong Dec. 15th at 9 a.m. Weather
 good throughout.

The British steamer Albany reports:
 Taiwanfoo to Tamsui and Amoy, fresh
 breeze and high sea with N.E. wind; Amoy
 to Swatow, fresh breeze and moderate sea
 with N.E. wind; Swatow to Hongkong,
 moderate monsoon and fine weather. In
 Amoy: H.M.S. Frolic, U.S.S. Richmond,
 S. S. Bengale, Scindia, and Cheong Hock
 Kian. In Swatow: H.M.S. Egeria, H. I.
 M. revenue cruiser "Fei hoo," H. I. M. gun-
 boat "Cheu-to," S. S. Athol, Wenchow, Tien-
 tsin and Chefoo. S. S. Caribbrooke left for
 the South on the night of the 13th.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
 MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW.—
 Per Yotung, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow,
 the 16th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
 Per Kaiser-i-Hind, To-morrow, the 16th
 inst. Registry closes at 10.45 a.m.
 Mail closes at 11. Late Letters
 received from 11.10 to 11.30 with 18
 cents Late Fee. Paid Correspondence
 may then be posted in the moveable
 box on board the Packet.

Per Hwai Yuen, at 11.30 a.m. To-mor-
 row, the 16th inst.

Per Yangtze, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow,
 the 16th inst.

Per Gordon Castle, at 3.30 p.m. To-mor-
 row, the 16th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND
 CALCUTTA.—
 Per Arratoon Apear and Moray, at 2.30
 p.m., on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—
 Per Sunda, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday,
 the 17th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—
 Per Albany, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday,
 the 17th inst.

For MANILA.—
 Per Esmeralda, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
 the 19th inst.

For HIGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGA-
 SAKI.—
 Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Fri-
 day, the 26th inst.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
 Owners will be Responsible for any
 Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
 of the following Vessels, during their stay
 in Hongkong Harbour:—

PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge.—
 Melchers & Co.

HONKONG, German 3-masted schooner,
 Captain Carl Oom.—Wiesler & Co.

PEIHO, German barque, Capt. Seekamp.
 —Siemssen & Co.

UNDINE, German barque, Captain F.
 Kruse.—Melchers & Co.

MOSES B. TOWER, American barkentine,
 Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ALTON REED, American barque, Capt. J.
 H. Kilbean.—Melchers & Co.

AMY TURNER, American barque, Captain
 A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.

JOHN NICHOLSON, British ship, Capt. T.
 B. P. Campbell.—Messageries Maritimes.

LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson.
 —Gibb, Livingstone & Co.

MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A.
 Walsh.—Borneo Company.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
 Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast
 Forts.

3 p.m.—Moray and Arratoon Apear leave
 for Singapore, &c.

4 p.m.—Yangtze leaves for Shanghai.
 4 p.m.—Gordon Castle leaves for S'hai.

Auction.
 Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr G.
 R. Lamert, at his Sales Rooms.

2 p.m.—Auction of Sundries, at Mr J.
 M. Armstrong's Sales Rooms.

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 Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

BIRTH.
 On the 2nd November, at Sunny Bank,
 Stapleton, near Bristol, the wife of C. B.
 Clark, of Shanghai, of a son.

MARRIAGES.
 On the 29th October, at St. Stephen's
 Hampstead, by the Rev. R. B. Jukes, as-
 sisted by the Rev. W. M. Jukes and the
 Rev. H. N. D'Almeida, uncle of the bride,
 Edward William Batt, late of Shanghai, to
 Mary Hewson (Minnie), eldest daughter of
 Miles Prendergast Jukes, of Belsze-park,
 South Hampstead.

On the 29th October, at Rubishaw parish
 church, Aberdeen, by the Rev. Henry
 Cowan, D.D., assisted by the Rev. James
 Whyte, D.D., Methlick, uncle of the bride,
 William Forrest, banker, of Hongkong, to
 Katherine, second daughter of Alexander
 Murray, land surveyor, Aberdeen.

DEATHS.
 At his residence Bridges Street, E. O.
 dos REMEDIOS, aged 48. The funeral will
 take place to-morrow, at 9 a.m. Friends
 are requested to attend.

On the 28th October, at Lauriston House,
 Cheltenham, in his eighty-third year,
 Thomas Richardson Colledge, M.D., F.R.S.,
 F.R.C., for nearly forty-two years
 President of the Medical Missionary Society
 in China.

The publication of this issue commenced
 at 7.55 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 15, 1879.

WHEN remarking recently upon the ill-
 advised attempt made by the great
 steamer-owning firms to combine and
 crush out all opposition to their freight
 trade between England and China and
 Japan, we stated that its inherent
 elements of weakness would probably
 destroy the combination. Latest ad-
 vices by the English mail would appear
 to give some anticipation of such a result,
 as we learn that Messrs Shaw, Williams
 and Co., have already withdrawn from
 the "ring." Their steamers Lord of the
 Isles, Galley of Lorne, and Harter will
 therefore now be at the disposal of ship-
 pers who have resolved to oppose the
 Conference steamers; and the struggle
 will proceed until another phase of the
 movement reveals itself. It is said that
 the Holt's steamer Hector has been laid
 on the berth, with the object of meeting
 this new difficulty and running off all
 comers by the offer of greatly reduced
 freights. But the strong front presented
 by shippers, and the determined attitude
 assumed by them not to be dictated to in
 the high-handed manner unfortunately
 adopted by the combined shipowners, ap-
 pear to have rather shaken the calcu-
 lations of the Conference. It is alleged,
 at all events, that the stringency of the
 rule concerning a return of 3/ per ton
 on outward freight contributed, "on
 condition that up to the time of distri-
 bution the claimant has confined his sup-
 port to vessels loaded by the Signatories"
 to the combination agreement, had been
 relaxed. This was looked upon, rightly
 or wrongly, as a sign of the ultimate
 "break up" of the monopoly, and taken
 in connection with the secession of
 Shaw, Williams and Co., was con-
 sidered to be the beginning of the end.
 The Shippers' Association, which seems
 to have secured the steamer Killarney

for her outward trip, was full of life,
 and doggedly defiant to a degree; and
 from the names of those forming the
 Association, as well as their expressions
 of opinion given at and since their public
 meeting, one may safely conclude that
 much reason may yet exist for a recon-
 sideration, on the part of the shipowners,
 of their arbitrary and unscientific action.
 As we hinted on a previous occasion, the
 feeling on this side of the line is very
 strong against the Combination; and it
 is not unlikely that, when this sentiment
 becomes known at home, a marked
 change may come over the spirit of the
 dream of maritime conquest which
 appears to have haunted the ship-
 owners of the Combination. It is clear
 enough that the proceedings of the Con-
 ference owners are certain to meet
 with such opposition as will greatly tend
 to neutralise the benefits which they had
 calculated upon securing—at least for a
 considerable time to come. The Combi-
 nation has lessened the confidence
 which formerly existed between mer-
 chants and steamer-owners; and we
 understand that, even in the event of
 the present antagonistic relations being
 readjusted, it is the intention of the
 gentlemen who form the Shippers' Asso-
 ciation to keep up that protective body
 in order to meet any future contingen-
 cies. In itself this is a condition of
 things which, although perfectly natural
 and justifiable, must be calculated in
 estimating the judiciousness or otherwise
 of this remarkable attempt to monopolise
 the carrying trade of the Far East.
 These unsatisfactory relations are begin-
 ning to exercise their legitimate influence
 on the carrying trade hence to London. It
 would be seen by a recent issue that the
 German steamer Atalanta left this port
 ten days ago with nearly a million
 pounds of tea, while it is no great secret
 that several of the Conference steamers
 have recently had to leave on their
 homeward journey with a very short
 freight list. At Shanghai and Foochow
 the determination to withstand the
 attempt to put pressure upon shippers
 is described to be not only strong but
 almost unanimous; and there can be no
 doubt that this aspect of the question
 will have a powerful influence upon the
 future of this unpopular movement. The
 remark made at the meeting of the
 Shippers' Association, that a conference
 between shippers and shipowners on the
 subject of freights would undoubtedly
 have led to an amicable settlement, ap-
 pears to be very just and reasonable;
 and, as we have already hinted, the fea-
 thers of the shippers have now been so
 seriously ruffled, that, even were the
 existing differences arranged, mutual
 confidence has been rudely shaken. It
 seems a pity that shrewd men of busi-
 ness, such as the leading shipowners
 must be, should have

accidental, and a verdict was returned that the killing was casual and by misfortune and against the will of Owen. The inquest on the body of the second officer was then proceeded with. The Coroner pointed out that it was for the Jury to judge whether he was in his rational mind at the time he fired at himself, or whether he was carried away by a sudden frenzy, which would render him incapable of calculating the gravity of the act which he then committed. The Jury thought there was not the slightest doubt about this; he was labouring under great excitement; he was delirious and out of his mind. A verdict to the effect that deceased shot himself while in an unsound state of mind was then recorded.

THE *United Service Gazette* of 8th November states that "Major Papillon has been appointed Commanding Royal Engineer at Hongkong, in succession to Brevet Colonel Stuart, whose term of foreign service will shortly expire, and will embark for that station in the early part of next month." Colonel Stuart served as Captain during the operations at Canton of 1858-59; was present at the capture and demolition of French Folly Fort and at the formation of the defensive position at the Factories; he led the French storming party at the assault of Canton, and was thanked by the French Naval Commander-in-Chief, (Medal, and Brevet of Major.) Colonel Stuart arrived here on the 14th February 1877 and has consequently completed a second period of service in the China command.—Major Papillon served in China during 1858-60, accompanying the expedition to the North; during the campaign of the latter year he commanded, as Lieutenant, the 8th Company Royal Engineers; was present at the seizure and capture of the Taku Forts, (Aug. 21st and 22nd) and was engaged at the affairs of Sihho, Changkiangwang, and Pahlolaou, (Medal with two clasps). His commissions bear date, Lieutenant, 20th April, 1855; Captain, 3rd April, 1862; and Major, 5th July, 1872.

H. M. S. *Iron Duke*, 14, Captain H. F. Cleveland, bearing the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir R. Ootie, arrived here this morning from Amoy. On entering the harbour through the Lye-moon Pass, the Admiral was received with the usual salute of 15 guns from the *Victor Emanuel*, which was acknowledged by the Flagship before arriving at her accustomed moorings off the Naval Yard. The *Iron Duke* left Yokohama on 24th Nov. arriving at Matsuo, an island near the White D. g., on the 2nd Dec., where she found H. M. S. *Lapwing* at anchor with mails and despatches for the Commander-in-Chief. Left the same day and arrived at Amoy on the 4th Dec. On the 6th H. M. S. *Egeria* arrived with the mails received in Hongkong by P. and O. steamer *Peshawar*. On the 12th Dec. left Amoy accompanied by the *Egeria*; next day anchored in Hope Bay while the Admiral paid a visit to Swatow in the latter vessel. Yesterday the Admiral returned on board the flagship and came on to this port. The *Egeria* after completing her big gun practice at sea arrived in harbour about 5 o'clock this evening. The *Iron Duke* reports fine weather throughout. The Commander-in-Chief will probably leave here about the middle of next month in the *Plyant* for Singapore, where he will inspect the ships in the southern waters of his command.

A SPECIAL telegram to the *Bombay Gazette* from London, dated the 25th ult., announces that Mr John Delane, who for upwards of thirty years was editor of the *Times*, is dead. Deceased was the son of the late William F. A. Delane, Esq., formerly financial manager of the *Times*, who died in 1858. He was born in Oct., 1817, was educated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1839, and was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1847. In 1839 he first became connected with the *Times* as assistant editor under the late Mr T. Barnes, on whose death, in 1841, he succeeded to the chief post of responsibility as editor of that journal. He resigned the editorship in Nov., 1877, and was succeeded by Mr Chenery.

THE *Manila Gazette* of the 5th December has the following:—

Don Cirilo Barzaiztegui, Consul General of Spain in Liverpool, has been appointed Consul General of Spain in Amoy, with a salary of 10,000 pteas yearly, 5,000 more for the expenses of representation, and 7,500 for ordinary expenses of the Service.

THE following is from *The Times*—

We understand that the combination of freight monopolists is showing signs of breaking up under the influence of inherent weakness and the strengthening power of the association that has been formed to frustrate their designs. If there are already deserters from the camp of the shipowners' combination, which we believe in the case, the new co-operative society in the shipping business, it would seem, destined to be short-lived. Co-operations, it appears, having been found necessary, were made first to supporters of the "conference"; now another step has been taken, concessions being offered to everybody. The third will be probably dissolution and the expression of regrets that any attempt was ever made to form what their opponents call such an "unboly alliance."

THE following para-adv., which was intended for Saturday evening, when we had a local paragraph calling attention to it, was held over by mistake:—

Mr R. B. Duncan, ship builder, has been exhibiting several specimens of life-saving apparatus at some of the Midland towns, and in view of the remarks in Council, these contrivances may yet be necessary in this Colony. One account from a local paper reads as follows:—

There were four articles shown in all. One was a model showing the bulwarks of an ordinary merchant vessel, and consisted of a frame fitted with cork and metal air cases, which, if carried into practical operation, would be fitted to the bulwarks of a ship by studs fixed into egg-shaped cups let into the covering board, and by bolts and rods attached to the stanchions, and worked by a lever. The under side of the frame is bevelled in such a manner that when the bolts are withdrawn by the lever, the frame and bulwarks fall immediately into the water, and form an instantaneous and powerful agency for preserving life. An ingenious contrivance provides that a single frame could be thus thrown overboard, or if need be the remainder could be simultaneously detached. Another advantage of the appliance is that it might be adapted to any space in the ship where panels are formed, and also for seats and gratings. The patentee states that it would not occupy any valuable space, interfere with storage, affect the health or comfort of the seamen or passengers, or interfere with the stability of the vessel. Indeed the frame would really form part of the construction of the ship on which it was adopted, and the number used could be regulated according to the persons carried. The cost would be comparatively light, the annual repair and keeping in order would be the same as the usual repairs to the bulwarks, and it would not affect the apparatus, and it would always be ready for immediate use on an emergency. Another appliance shown was a sort of belt—something between a life-buoy and a cork jacket—and any person wearing it in the water could not sink, even though another were clinging to him. This could be utilised on board ship as a hat-box. Mr Duncan also showed a contrivance constructed of cork, which, on the deck of an ocean vessel, or a river steamer, could be used as a double lounge or seat, and which, thrown overboard on any accident happening, would keep half-a-dozen persons afloat. In addition he exhibited a single deck settee, with a movable seat, which would provide means of safety to several people in time of danger. The experiments with the appliances in the baths were very satisfactory, and we hope the patents will shortly be put into practical use both in vessels and river boats, in order that they may have a thorough trial. It is difficult to see how they can fail in their purpose, for being well high unsinkable, they would, at least, give passengers on a fated vessel a chance of saving their lives. Mr Duncan intends competing for the prize offered by the Society of Arts for the most approved invention to prevent ships from sinking.—Adv.

Dr. Thomas Richardson Colledge, F.R.S., Edinburgh, who died on the 28th ult., at Lauriston House, Cheltenham, in the 83rd year of his age, was a pupil of Sir Astley Cooper, and entered upon his profession 62 years ago; nor did he wholly relinquish his practice until 1878. To him during his service in Canton and Macao belongs the merit of originating the first infirmary for the indigent Chinese, which was called after him "Colledge's Ophthalmic Hospital." He was also the founder of the Medical Missionary Society in China, and continued to be President of that society to the time of his death, a period of 42 years. He laboured in Canton and Macao for more than 20 years, first under the Hon. East India Company and then under the Crown as surgeon at Canton. On the abolition of the office he had held and his consequent return to England, deep regret was expressed by the whole community, European and native, and a memorial of his services was addressed to the Queen in 1838 by the Portuguese of the neighbouring settlement of Macao. Lord Palmerston, in recognition of his services and merit, thought it right to award him a pension of £400 per annum, which he has drawn for thirty-eight years. Dr. Colledge took the degree of M.D. in 1839, and became F.R.C.P. of Edinburgh in 1844. The last 38 years of his life were spent in Cheltenham, where he won universal esteem by his courtesy and skill.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* asks:—How much longer is the *Fulcan* in the Mediterranean to be kept under orders for China without proceeding thither? According to the "Navy List" the vessel has been in this condition since January of last year. The unarmoured screw corvette *Junco*, which lately returned from China, has been placed in the steam repairing basin at Chatham, where she will undergo a survey with the view of ascertaining the repairs necessary to be carried out before she is again commissioned. The *Nassau*, which was employed on surveying service in China, has been removed to Sheerness, from Chatham Dockyard.

A general order has been issued by the Duke of Cambridge, declaring that it is the duty of every commissioned officer in Her Majesty's service, whose character or conduct as an officer and gentleman has been publicly impugned, to submit the case within a reasonable time to his commanding officer or other competent military authority for investigation.

The *Vineta*, German frigate, Capt. Zuis Lee Zirkow, training-ship for cadets, has left Plymouth Sound for Madeira and Japan. The unarmoured sloop *Albatross*, Commander Errington, one of the vessels ordered to proceed to China to strengthen the squadron there, left Chatham on the 3rd inst., proceeding to Woolwich for stores. The *Comus*, iron and steel corvette, also commissioned for the China station, will be ready to leave the Medway in a few days. It is understood that the *Iris*, steel despatch vessel, will accompany the *Comus* and *Albatross* to China.

The Royal Humane Society's medal has been conferred on Mr G. C. Brookes, second officer of the P. and O. Company's steamer *Kaisar-i-Hind*, for saving a *Lascar* of the same vessel at Wooming, who fell from the foreyard, striking an awning stanchion before reaching the water, which rendered him insensible. Mr Brookes dived after the man, and succeeded in reaching him as he was sinking for the second time, supporting him until they were rescued by the tender. The Great Northern Telegraph Company's traffic receipts in October, 1879, were

£21,687; from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1879, £174,161; corresponding months 1878, £172,430; ditto, 1877, £173,212.

The traffic receipts of the Eastern Telegraph Company for the month of October amounted to £50,251, against £41,678; and those of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company, to £31,419, against £23,393 for the corresponding period of 1878.

The infant daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach has been baptized at the parish church of St. Aldwyns, near Sir Michael's Gloucestershire seat. Her Majesty was one of the godmothers, and sent a silver gilt cup engraved with the following inscription:—Victoria Alexandra Hicks-Beach, from her godmother, Victoria R. and I. October, 1879.

Latest Mail Advertisements.—Yokohama Sept. 20, Shanghai 24, Foochow 26, Hong Kong 30. The P. and O. mail, with dates from Yokohama 13th, Shanghai 17th, Hong Kong 23rd, Singapore 30th Sept., reached London, via Brindisi, on the 1st inst., two days in advance of its due date, and the heavy portion is expected at Southampton on the 8th inst., per P. and O. steamer *Indus*. The France mail, with the advices dated as above, was delivered, via Naples, on the 6th inst., four days early, the Japan advices having been anticipated by the mail received, via San Francisco, on the 25th ult.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'neagh, Esq.)

Monday, Dec. 14th.

LARCENY OF POTATOES.

Ching Aam, 55, a coolie, was charged with stealing a quantity of potatoes from a garden at Chuk Chu.

Several complaints had been made by the villagers of vegetables having been stolen from their fields and gardens, and on a watch being kept the prisoner was seen with a quantity of potatoes in his possession, which he admitted having stolen. Defendant pleaded hunger and inability to earn a livelihood. He also admitted a former conviction, and was now sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 or suffer four weeks' imprisonment for 1 month.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING.

Loong Ayau, 25, a shoemaker, was charged with the larceny of a jacket and a pair of trousers.

The prisoner admitted a previous conviction of attempted larceny in 1877, and two convictions of larceny, one from a dwelling house, in 1877, and another from the person in 1878. Defendant reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

STEALING BOTTLES.

Li Aohit, 24, a marine hawk, was charged with stealing 100 empty bottles, valued at \$2.80, and was sent to gaol for four weeks with hard labor, and ordered to refund \$2.80 or suffer fourteen days' further imprisonment.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale.)

Monday, Dec. 15th.

MODY v. BLOOM, \$2000.—This was a claim arising out of a transaction in shares. Hon. J. Russell, Acting Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Breton and Wotton, appeared for the defendant. The present motion was to dismiss the petition for want of prosecution; the motion was made by Mr Hayllar on behalf of the defendant. The case was adjourned into Chambers. Mr Mody, it was stated, was in Shanghai at present. In Chambers, an order was made that the plaintiff should have a week's further time to determine what he intended to do, and that, whatever was done, he should pay the costs of the present motion.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Kaisar-i-Hind*, Captain R. Methven, arrived here yesterday morning, bringing London dates up to November 7. We give elsewhere items of interest to China from the *L. & O. Express*, and append here Indian and London telegrams from the Indian papers to hand by this opportunity:—

INDIAN TELEGRAMS.

Allahabad, Nov. 7.—There is said to be reason to believe that the Government of India are meditating the amalgamation of the Rajpootana and Central India Agencies, a step which Lord Mayo was anxious to carry out.

Dadur, Nov. 7.—In spite of what the *Bombay Gazette* says, a railway is to be made to Kandahar. Colonel De Bourbel, R.E., has been ordered to survey the route through Fakhin. Out of the Pishin Valley the railway will pass by the Gwaja route. The entire work is intended to be completed in one year. The Bolan Pass, since it has been taken over by Bombay, has entirely changed its aspect. There is now a road along which a carriage can be driven at a trot, and every station is stocked with supplies for man and beast.

Kandahar, Nov. 12.—General Stewart and his staff met His Excellency outside the city through which they rode to cantonments. Major Rivett Carnes alone is to accompany the Governor, whose stay is not expected to exceed two days.

Madras, Nov. 13.—The Court of Inquiry has decided that the stranding of the *Hindostan* was the result of an error of judgment on the part of the commanding officer. The Court had under consideration the duty of suspending the Captain's certificate; but looking to his long and useful service, his profession and to the certainty that nothing can add to the distress and mortification of the loss of this noble ship must entail on him, and that he must carry with him a reflection that he has been the chief agent in her destruction, decided to restore his certificate to him. The Court restored the certificate of the Second Officer, but drew attention to the great danger to young officers of over-confidence when placed in a position of grave responsibility. The certificates of all the other officers were also restored.

Simla, Nov. 17.—General Roberts telegrams on the 15th, that a convoy of sick and wounded had started for India. All the sick left at Kabul are well again.

Quarters for the British portion of the force will be ready in a few days. Hints for the natives are under construction. Two severe earthquakes have occurred.

Lahore, Nov. 17.—The *Civil and Military Gazette* announces that Sir Peter Lumsden, Chief of the Staff of the Indian Army, proceeds to Europe on furlough early next month. It is understood the appointment will not be renewed in favour of any other officer after General Lumsden's departure.

The particulars of the fight at Doaba in Tagas country show that the Safis first plundered Doaba, and murdered some inhabitants, and afterwards tried to cut off the Company of the 67th in a running fight kept up along the banks of the Kabul river, the enemy in large numbers getting within forty yards, and only being checked by the fire of the Martini. Fifty-four men of the 67th kept at bay for over two hours a thousand of the enemy, expending over seventeen hundred rounds of ammunition. Captain Poole received a flesh wound in his leg, not serious. Sergeant Woolley, after being wounded, continued firing, and brought down two Safis who were trying to cut up a wounded man.

A telegram, dated Peshima, 17th, says that two Manipures were killed at Kohima on the 10th. The water supply that had been cut off has been re-established. Kohima is strongly fortified, but other villages were deserted. Six hundred troops were collected at Peshima. General Lumsden had arrived.

Gulistan, Nov. 19.—Sir Richard Temple arrived at Gulistan via Egrawa Pass today. His Excellency visited the Durra Pass from Ispentuzi this morning. The Durra Pass, considering the attitude of the Khajia Amran range, presents the best route with the fewest difficulties for the construction of a railway to Kandahar, should this step be necessary.

Simla, Nov. 19.—General Gordon's Brigade in the Kurran has returned from the Aikheil and Chamkanna expedition and his troops are placed at General Tylor's disposal. He also hopes to move to Badsh-Khyeyl by the end of the week. News from Kabul dated 17th November state that General Macpherson's Brigade is expected to return to Kabul by the 21st, on which day General Baker, with a small force, is to proceed towards Maidan in the direction of Ghazni, to collect supplies and settle the country from Kandahar. The Chief of the Taraki Chelzais from the country beyond the Kalyti-Chilizi frontier, had reached Kandahar to submit and ask for service.

Guntur, Nov. 20.—A cyclone of great violence raged here last night, blowing from the N.E., E. and S.E., and doing much damage generally.

Calcutta, Nov. 21.—A column of the 44th Regiment has taken Soehman after some opposition, and lost two men. On return, a convoy of elephants was fired on below Soehman. The village of Merema was seen burning from Ehiphina.

Allahabad, Kutra, Nov. 21.—General Hill has organized a local Police force. Major Hastings, Political officer, has prepared a statement showing the revenue of the Kabul Province and Kohistan. The Turkistan revenue and that of Herat can only be approximately estimated. Allahabad, Kutra, Nov. 24.—Reports from Turkistan state that Nuk Mohamed, late the chief rebel leader at Kabul, has made his way via Balkh to the frontier, and means taking refuge with the Rasadai. The Ameer may leave for India any day now; probably he will be sent quietly away. No display of force will be necessary. Several headmen who have broken promises regarding furnishing supplies have been arrested.

Sir Andrew Clarke goes home next month. Subadar Mahomed Karim Khan, of the 8th Punjab Infantry, has been dismissed the service for failing in duty at the time of the attack on the British Embassy at Kabul and elsewhere.

On Sunday and Monday, 2nd and 3rd, inst. Rangoon was visited by a cyclone of considerable violence, the worst weather that has been known there for many years. No very great damage appears to have been done, though several fine trees were rooted up. The rain was very heavy, but the wind shift and gusty, rather than strong. Oppressively wet weather has followed, and the mugginess of a Madras September broods over the land.

Allahabad Kutra, Nov. 26.—On the Maidan Ghuzni road on the 3rd, after General Roberts had arrived, word was brought that several Afghan fragments had attacked the Residency were at a village six miles off. A squadron of the 9th Lancers, and two squadrons of the 14th Bengal Cavalry, under General Ross, were sent to capture them. They took the road leading to Bamian, and after trotting eight miles found the face of a low range of hills with fortified enclosure having four towers. While making for it a volley (7 musketry) at 200 yards was fired at the cavalry from a tower. Fortunately the Lancers were in skirmish order, and only one sowar was slightly wounded, two horses shot dead and another crippled. The hills were instantly covered with armed men and a heavy fire opened upon the cavalry, which withdrew. The enemy showed in great force and the cavalry could not dismount to attack. At day-break, after an eight miles' march, the open valley was reached and it was found that the hills had been deserted. The men were then marched back to Maidan. The Nagas are rising in large numbers and Konoma is occupied by 4,000.

Calcutta, Nov. 27.—Konoma was taken on the 22nd. The Nagas made a desperate resistance. Major Cook and Lieutenants Ridgway, and Forbes were wounded and twenty or thirty native officers and men killed. The number wounded is unknown. Allahabad Kutra, Nov. 25.—A raid in considerable force was made by Dhoewal and Wazari near Chapri on the 20th. A detachment of the 18th Bengal Cavalry followed the raiders, killing five and wounding others without any loss on our side. The Zalmuts raided on the morning of the 24th and the cavalry again followed up the raiders, recovering the cattle and property stolen at Ohinloo, killing and wounding some of the enemy. Three sowars were slightly wounded on our side.

Kutra, Nov. 23.—General Baker reports a further gathering of tribesmen on the Bazar road near the villages with were burnt on the 24th. On the Ghuzni road, men were also gathering with an idea of combined movement upon Maidan. As a precautionary measure two native regiments were warned to be ready to march to Maidan at an hour's notice. Supplies in large quantities have been brought by convoys. Many Ghazis are said to be among the bands near Wardak.

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LONDON AND OTHER TELEGRAMS.

London, Nov. 24.—Another meeting has been held at Balla, in Ireland, at which the policy of Government in respect to Ireland was condemned, and the Irish people were urged to persevere in securing a free land. Mr Parnell addressed the meeting and counselled moderation. Several other meetings were held on Saturday, but all passed off quietly.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—It is re-asserted that Prince Gortchakoff is about to retire. Extensive internal reforms in Russia have been decided upon, and a pacific policy is expected.

London, Nov. 27.—The *Times* publishes a telegram stating that Prince Bismarck has finally declined to participate in the Bi-metallic Conference.

Obituary: Countess Montijo, mother of the ex-Empress of the French.

The Hon. R. Bourke, in a speech at Lynn, defended the Afghan policy of the Government of Kabul and revealed unperceived dangers. He gave it as his opinion that a durable and civilising peace in Afghanistan was by no means impossible.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies was opened to-day. M. Gambetta in his opening speech urged a policy of conciliation.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—The Russian Government is sending reinforcements of troops to Turkistan. The plan for the new route of advance is in preparation.

London, Nov. 25.—The Chilians have defeated the allied forces of Peru and Bolivia at Iquique, and captured the Peruvian corvette *Picomayo*.

Mr Dalay, the proprietor of the *National* newspaper, has been committed for trial, but bail was accepted. Killen, Davitt, and others were remanded.

Mr Gladstone has arrived at Edinburgh, where he commences the electoral campaign. He has been enthusiastically welcomed. In his first speech at Edinburgh yesterday, he framed a powerful indictment against the policy of the Government and pointed out the necessity of replacing the present majority, which was absolutely responsible for the said policy, by a Liberal majority.

London, Nov. 28.—The British Government is establishing in Canada a reserve of ten thousand men for active service in Canada and abroad.

London, Nov. 28.—Reinforcements of troops are being sent to the west of Ireland owing to increased agrarian intimidation. Davitt, the liberated Fenian who was arrested for sedition, has been committed for trial, and bail accepted.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—It is currently rumored here that it is the intention of England, in concert with Persia, to occupy Herat. The *Golos*, in commenting thereon, accuses Persia of ingratitude towards Russia.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, Captain G. G. Berry, arrived here this morning with San Francisco files to the 15th ult., from which we take the following English and other telegrams:—

London, Nov. 14.—Advices from Cape Town announce that the Cape Ministry have addressed a minute to Sir Bartle Frere, expressing the opinion that Sir Garnet Wolseley's settlement of affairs in Zululand is prejudicial to the permanent peace of South Africa.

Vienna, Nov. 14.—The report that an alliance has been formed by the Balkan Principalities remains uncontradicted, but it is not believed that the affair has progressed beyond overtures from Serbia to the other States. Serbia is regarded to be acting under Russian inspiration.

Madrid, Nov. 14.—Advices from the Canary Islands report the occurrence of heavy floods, which caused some loss of life, the downfall of many houses, the destruction of the cochineal crop, and considerable damage to the crops and other property.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The *National* says that the panic on the Bourse to day was entirely due to speculative manoeuvres.

London, Nov. 14.—A correspondent at Kabul says it is rumored that the combined Russian and Persian force has been defeated by the Turcomans near Sirakoo.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—Russia is daily striving, but ineffectually, to come to special friendly relations with Germany.

London, Nov. 14.—An explosion occurred yesterday in the cartridge factory of the Toulon Arsenal. Fifteen women and seven men were seriously injured.

New York, Nov. 14.—The *World's* special from London, dated yesterday, says:—At a general meeting of the Beefsteak Club, this evening, Lord Wharncliffe, president of the Club, said he did not allow journalists like the *London Truth* to enter his house, but, having looked at the articles complained of, he must say that he thought it would be fatal to the Club to allow one member to write of another member as Labouchere had written of Lawson. Captain Frederick Burnaby and others, on the other hand, contended that this was not a question for the Club to decide. Mr. Inderwick, Queen's Counsel, urged the Club to support the action of the Committee, and expel Labouchere.

When a vote was finally taken, there appeared 77 votes in favor of expelling Labouchere, 76 against. He was consequently expelled by a majority of one vote. Labouchere here defended himself, but his speech produced no effect in his favor. The expulsion is felt to be a severe blow to him. Lawson had previously resigned.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—The river Niemen affair, although in itself trivial, attracts attention as being a result of many vexatious acts which the Russian Customs officials and frontier guards are constantly committing against German traders. The Russians several times lately stopped Prussian vessels on the Niemen; so, finally, the Berlin authorities sent an order to stop all Russian vessels on the Prussian portion of the river.

The organic complaint from which Prince Bismarck is suffering is said to be the incipient stage of fatty degeneration of the heart, as yet but slightly developed. There is no immediate cause for apprehension.

Osire, Ill., Nov. 14.—A tornado, accompanied by hail and heavy rain, struck the city at one P.M., demolishing the African Methodist Church on Eighteenth street, and Bradley's Colored Baptist Church on Fifteenth street, partially unroofed the Custom House and several small cottages in the northern part of the city. Alex. Norrie, aged 11 years, was blown through the door of a tub factory to the ground and killed.

Hon. Sir Francis Hincks, K.C.M.G.

C.B., has just been criminally convicted in Montreal, for mismanagement of the consolidated Bank, of which he was President. Nothing that he did for which he was convicted, was done from motives of personal gain, or with the desire to injure any one; but his actions and negligence were contrary to law and resulted in direct loss to others concerned in the bank. From his titles, his past high position, his large salary, his intelligence and supposed probity, more was expected from him than would have been expected from another, and the denouement is a shock and a surprise not anticipated in the Dominion. Sir Francis was born in Cork, came to Canada in 1837, and is 72 years of age. No resident of Canada has been more distinguished than he. Knighted by the Queen, Governor of Barbadoes and British Guiana, a member of the Privy Council of Canada, Finance Minister of the Dominion, a capitalist, a former leading journalist, and a public and honored man for forty years, his fall is mighty. What will be the consequences to him personally cannot yet be told, but lawyers say the sentence of the Court will carry with it the deprivation of his titles and the loss of his Imperial pension of £1000 per annum. Much sympathy is felt for Sir Francis, and general sorrow is expressed that the prosecution was not civil instead of criminal.

American Fenians are said to be offering money and arms to Irish tenant farmers to enable them to resist exaction.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Cabinet meeting this afternoon, (Nov. 14) with the exception of the ordinary routine business, was devoted to interchange of views as to the character of the recommendations to be made to Congress in the President's annual message and by the respective heads of Department in their annual reports. The general conclusion was reached that the recommendations should be confined to suggestions for improvement in present methods, rather than extending to requests for radical changes in existing laws, it being considered especially desirable at this time to provide as little conflict in Congress and as little disturbance of business interests as possible. The President's message is now in course of preparation. It will be shorter than usual, and will contain very few recommendations other than those comprised in the reports of his Cabinet officers. It is believed that the only important topic under the head of foreign affairs will be the reopening of the fishery question with Great Britain, and it is also understood that special attention will be directed to the advisability of legislation to authorize a resumption of funding operations.

Washington dispatches to some of the Western papers, yesterday, announced that Secretary of State was compelled to resign the office of Assistant Secretary of State on account of the ill-health of his wife, and that the post had been offered to Col. John Hay, lately of New York. This has been asserted to be correct.

Constantinople, Nov. 13.—At the next sitting of the Greco-Turkish Frontier Commission, the Ottoman Commissioners will present a certificate of several eminent French engineers to the effect that the line of frontier proposed by the Greek Commissioners is eight thousand metres in advance of the northern frontier indicated by the thirteenth protocol of the Treaty of Berlin. The Porte will not propose any other line, but will offer to discuss point by point the frontier indicated by the Treaty of Berlin.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 13.—The St. Petersburg *Novoe Vremya* says: A proposal is being discussed in financial circles of this city for submitting to the Government a plan for the construction of a railway from Orenburg to Tashkent, and thence by way of Samarcand to the Russian frontier, in the direction of India.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—In the course of debate, in the lower house of the Prussian Diet, to day, upon the bill for the purchase of railways by the Government, Herr Mignels, in the name of the majority of the National Liberals, declared in favor of the Government's views.

Tilsit, Nov. 13.—The German authorities have prohibited Russian steamboat traffic on the Prussian section of the river Niemen as a retaliation for a similar prohibition by the Russians on their portion of the river.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 15.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash... \$567½

" Old " cash... 585

" New Benares, cash... 517½

" Old " cash... 517

" New Malwa, cash... 700

" Allowance Tels... 224

" Old

